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1. The Chinese Communists are capable of occupying Canton by 1 June 1949. They will probably approach the city down the East River in cooperation with the guerrillas in that area.
2. The Nationalists are not capable of more than a token defense of Canton, and they may not even attempt that. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the attack against the city could come with little or no warning.
3. The attack on Canton will be supported by the Communists within the city and guerrillas on its outskirts.
4. The Canton airfields are so situated that they can be easily isolated, and water communications with Hong Kong could easily be cut except for the passage of armed and armored vessels.

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